FIG. 1
(Prior Art)

APPLICATION LAYER — 21

FILE SYSTEM/LVM — 23
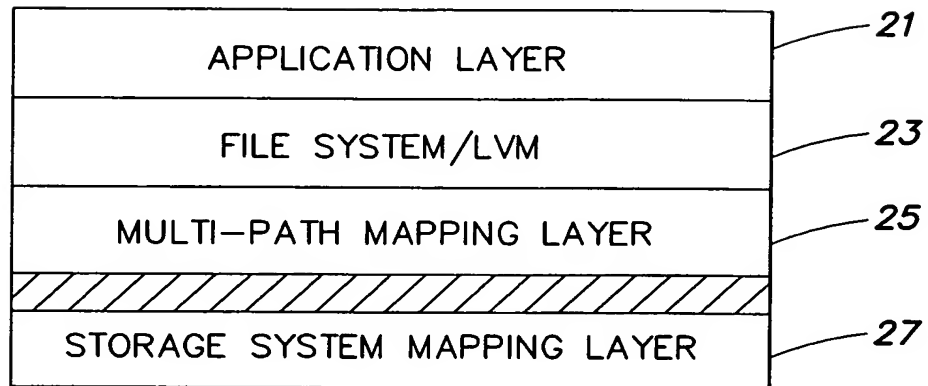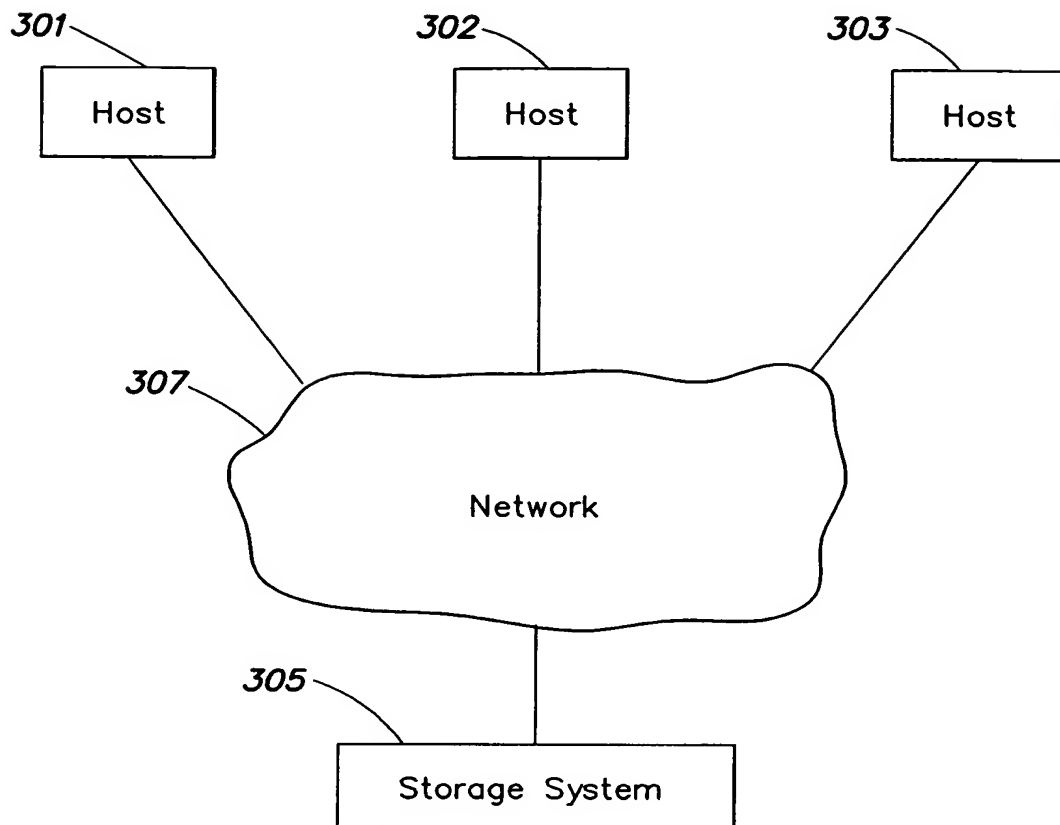
MULTI—PATH MAPPING LAYER — 25

STORAGE SYSTEM MAPPING LAYER — 27

FIG. 2

(PRIOR ART)

FIG. 3
(Prior Art)
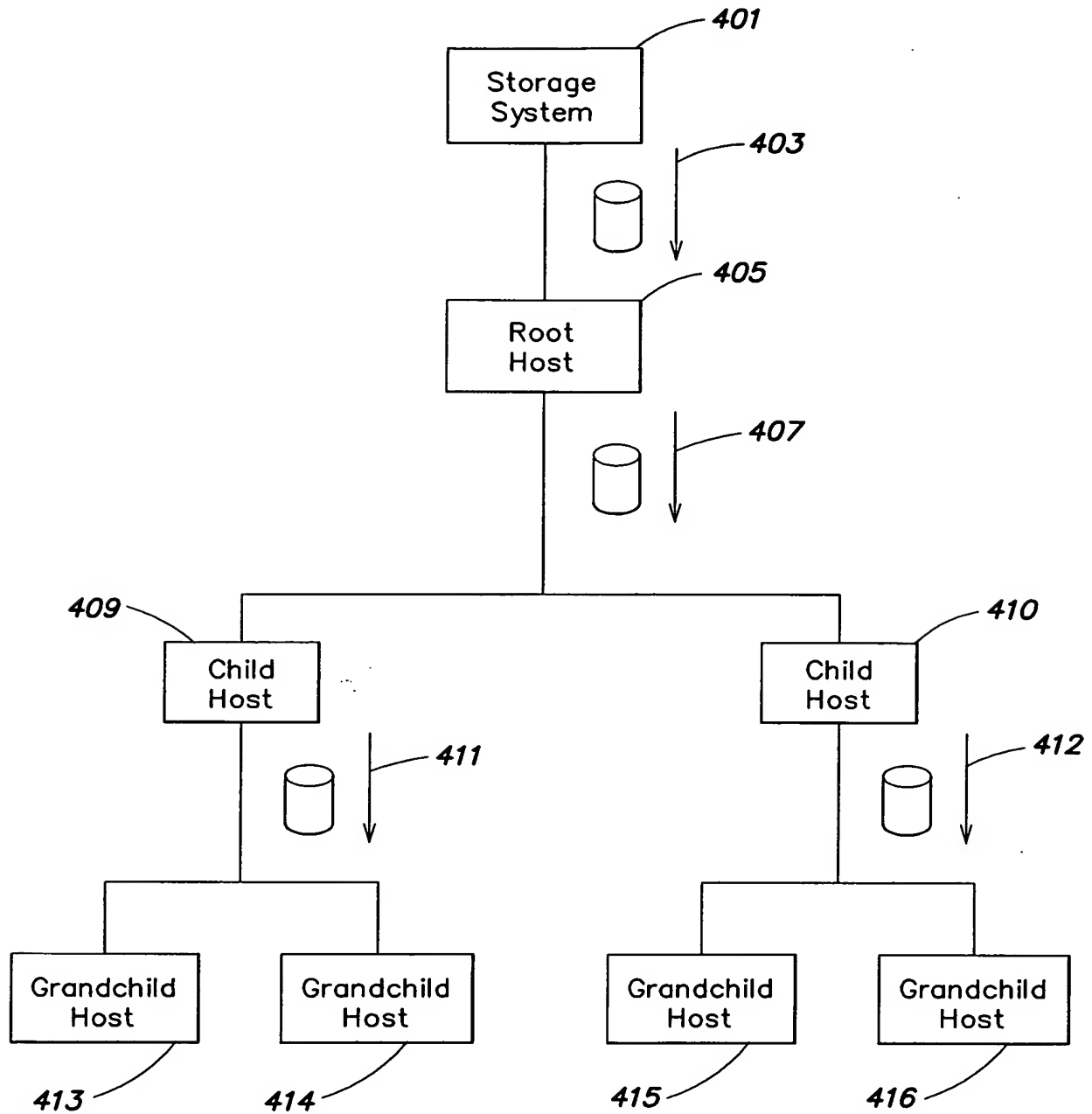
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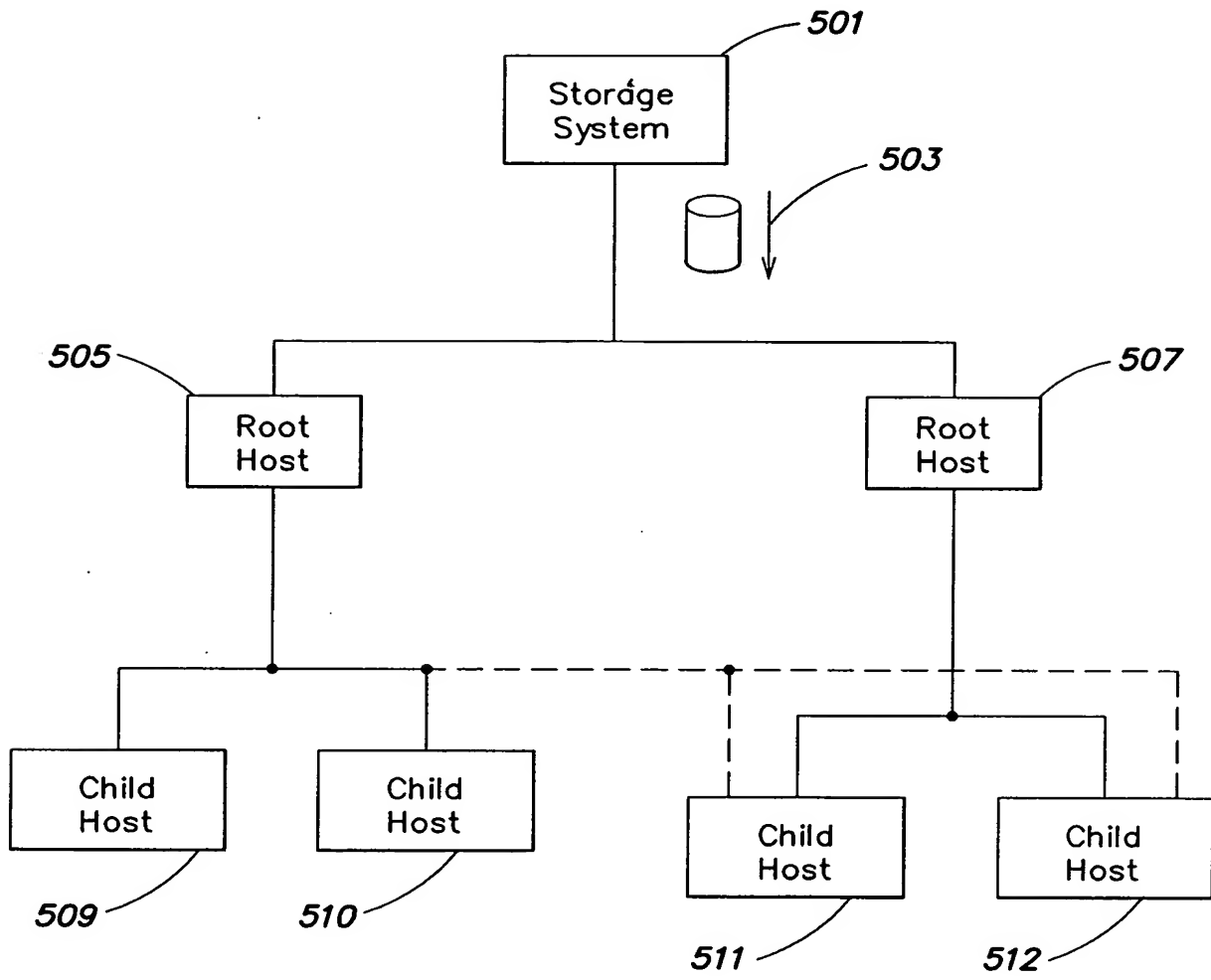
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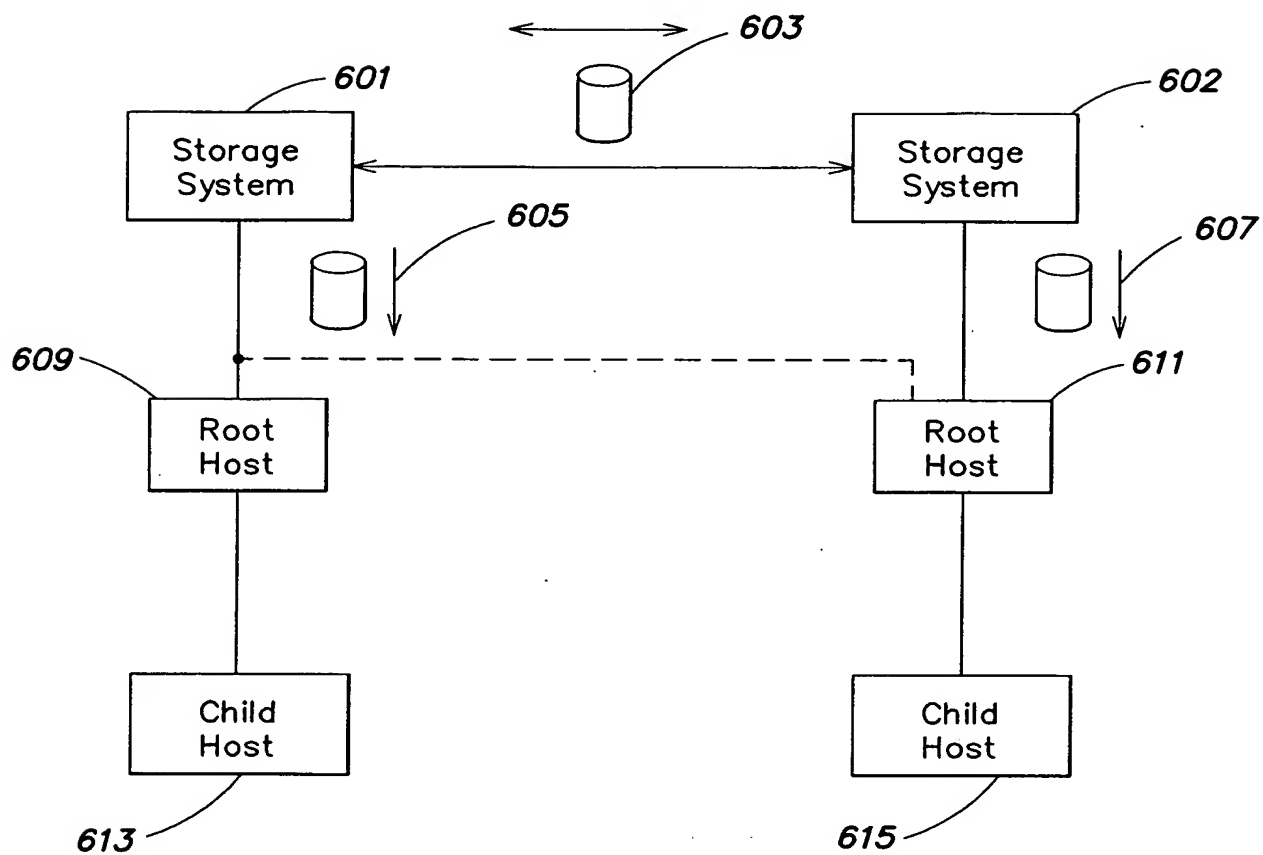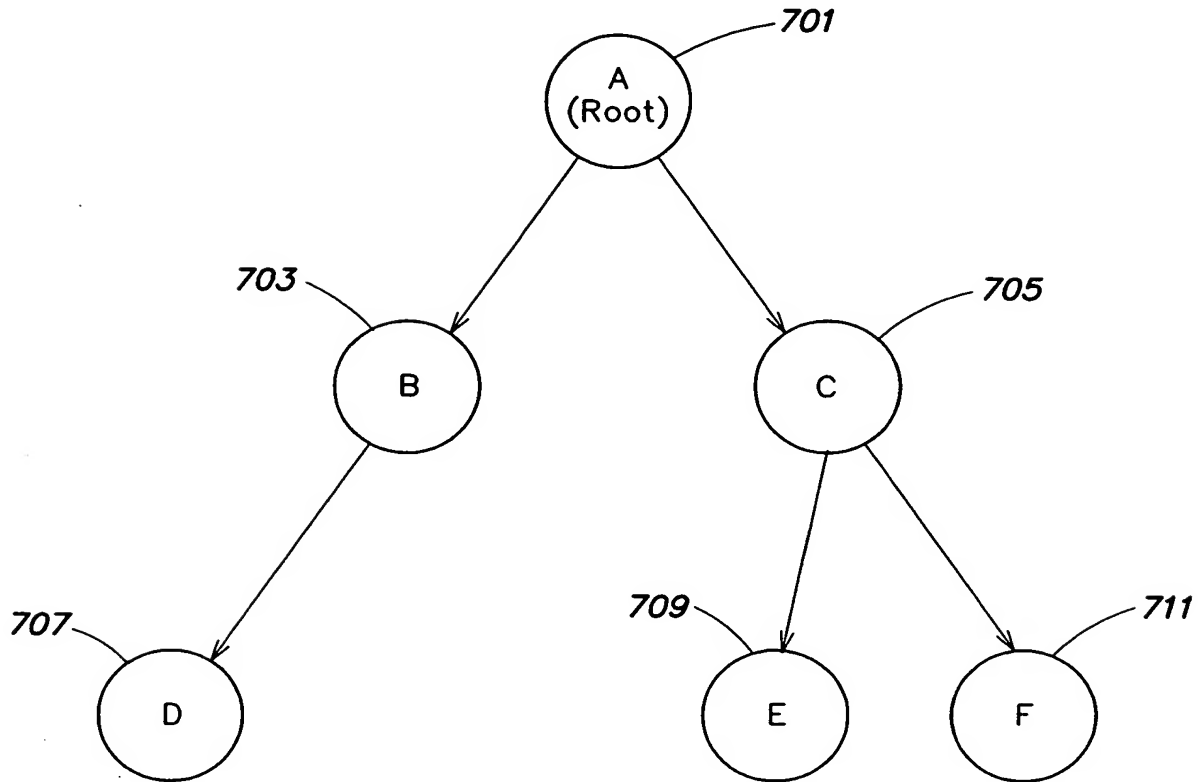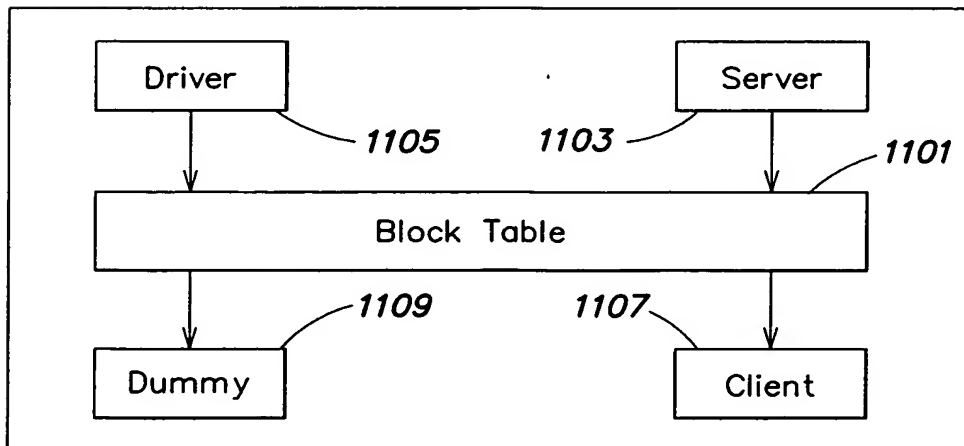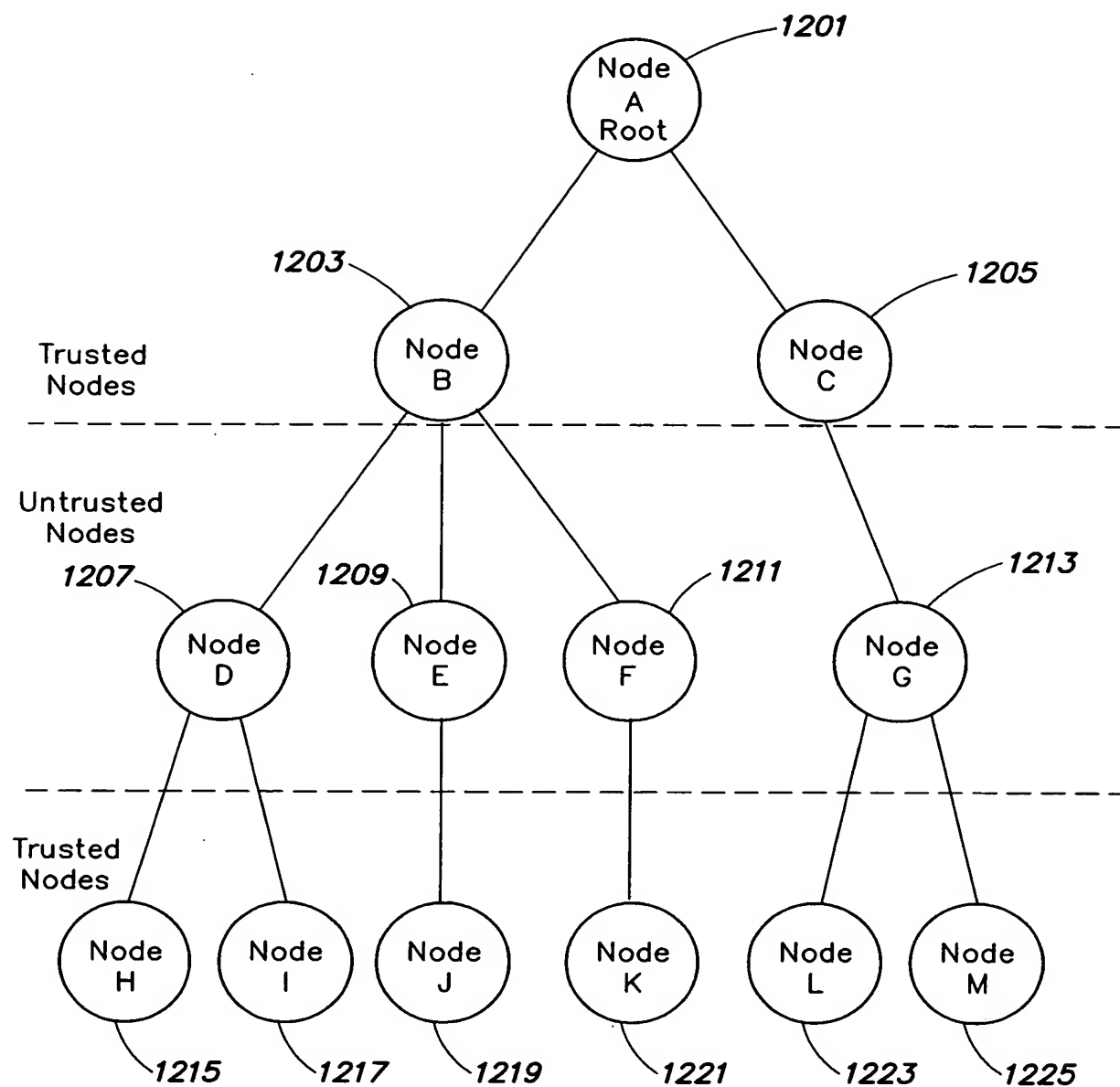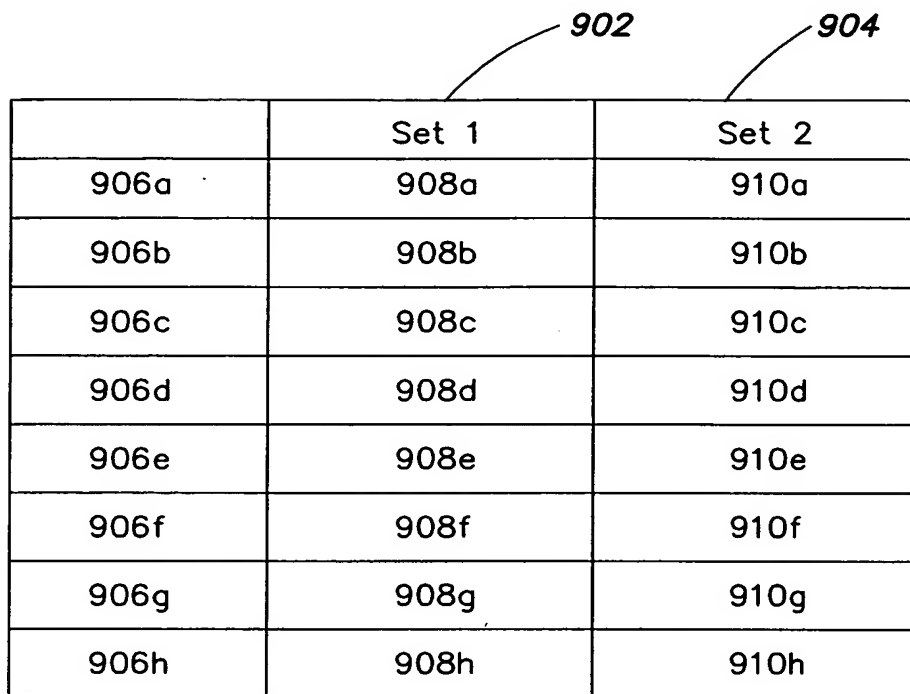
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601 Storage System

602 Storage System

605

607

609 Root Host

611 Root Host

613 Child Host

615 Child Host

FIG. 6

_701_

A
(Root)

_703_

B

_705_

C

_707_

D

_709_

E

_711_

F

FIG. 7

Driver

_1105_

Server

_1103_

_1101_

Block Table

_1109_

_1107_

Dummy

Client

FIG. 8

FIG. 9

_902   _904

	Set 1	Set 2
906a	908a	910a
906b	908b	910b
906c	908c	910c
906d	908d	910d
906e	908e	910e
906f	908f	910f
906g	908g	910g
906h	908h	910h

FIG. 10

Host — 1002

Root Host
(Accelerator) — 1004

Storage
System — 1006

FIG. 11A

Host — 1002

1004a — Root Host
(Accelerator)

Root Host
(Accelerator) — 1004b

Storage
System

1006

FIG. 11B